



THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20202

February 7, 2002

Dear Colleague:

On January 21, 2002, the President announced the creation of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholars program, in commemoration of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his contributions to civil and human rights in America. Under this program, continuing students who have completed their junior, senior, or graduate year are eligible to apply for 12-week, paid internships in the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. The students will be placed either in my office or in the office of one of my assistant secretaries, where they will gain experience in policy analysis and development. We expect to select a limited number of students for this honor and opportunity.

Enclosed is a Fact Sheet with additional information about the Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholars program. The recruitment announcement for the program will be available on the following federal job information Web sites: [www.ed.gov/offices/OM/edjobs.html](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OM/edjobs.html); [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov); and [www.studentjobs.gov](http://www.studentjobs.gov).

I hope that we can count on you to publicize this opportunity on your campus and encourage your best and brightest students to apply. I believe it will be an exceptional way for outstanding students to learn about the federal role in education and to experience the value of government service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rod Paige".

Rod Paige

Enclosure